

the session may conclude as programmed.

### Opposition Party.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—In this Assembly, have we got a recognised Opposition Party? If there is one such Opposition Party, I would like to know the strength of it. I think rules provide that there must be some minimum number of members to form an Opposition Party.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will just contact the Leader of the Opposition and make a statement.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—I would like to submit that the statement may be made during the course of this session.

### Pending Questions and Answers.

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Mr. SPEAKER.—I think questions and answers are printed in the order in which they are received in the Office.

### MYSORE CITY AND TOWN MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

#### Introduction

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—I beg to introduce the Mysore City and Town Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1955 which has been published in the *Mysore Gazette* Extraordinary, dated 17th October 1955 under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

#### Chief Minister's letter to Sri Fazl Ali on Bellary.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—With the kind leave of the House, I would like to place before the House a copy of the letter I have

written to Sri Fazl Ali. I will read it which is as follows :—

“Kumara Krupa,  
Bangalore-1,  
August 12, 1955.

MY DEAR SRI FAZL ALI,

It is unfortunate that tendentious reports are appearing in some of the papers that your Commission is likely to recommend that Bellary town be given back to Andhra State. These reports have caused unnecessary heat and controversy. I am writing this letter to make the view of the Government of Mysore clear.

The seven taluks of Bellary District and town are merged in Mysore and the matter is settled. It is true that there are a few Andhras in Bellary town who are continuously carrying on agitation. Even this agitation has lost much backing of the Telugu speaking people of Bellary town. I would, therefore, plead with you that it is wise not to unsettle the settled questions.

There is also an agitation carried on by a few Andhra State leaders that the whole of the Tungabhadra Project area should go to Andhra. This again is highly unreasonable. Mysore Government is doing its very best to make the Tungabhadra Project smooth and successful. The Tungabhadra Board which is charged with the task of completing the work speedily is presided over by Shri B. K. Gokhale, a retired I. C. S. Officer. He has been selected by the Government of India to be the Chairman to hold the scales even between the concerned States. I would request you not to give credence to the allegations that are being made against the Mysore State.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
K. HANUMANTHAIYA.”